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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

MASSACHUSETTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN NASHUA GUN CASE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Clifford Ellston, and Nashua Police Chief Timothy Hefferan, announced that Andrew Tomasini, age 20, of Groton, Massachusetts pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in connection with the possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

During a hearing before U.S. District Chief Judge Steven J. McAuliffe, Tomasini admitted that he possessed a 9-mm semi-automatic firearm with an obliterated serial number. The weapon was found during the execution of a search of his then Nashua residence on May 14, 2004. He faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison. He was released pending sentencing on June 28, 2005.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “Strict enforcement of the gun laws is a priority of the Department of Justice through the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. It is a responsibility that this office takes seriously and we will make every effort to insure that those who cannot legally possess a firearm will be prevented from doing so.”

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Nashua, New Hampshire Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.